

## **Bills Committee on Travel Industry Bill**

### **List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 30 April 2018**

At the meeting on 30 April 2018, the Administration was requested to provide the following information –

- (a) measures to be taken by the Travel Industry Authority ("TIA") to expedite the handling of inquiry cases, in particular whether a mechanism would be put in place for requiring an inquiry committee to report to the Board of TIA if the handling time of the inquiry exceeded certain timeframe;
- (b) clause 117 requires that the legal adviser appointed by an inquiry committee under clause 105(1)(f) must give advice in the presence of every party to the inquiry or person representing each party. The Administration was requested to advise whether there was any room for an inquiry committee to seek legal advice under the common law principle of legal professional privilege which protected communications between the inquiry committee and the appointed legal adviser from being disclosed;
- (c) the criteria for determining the level of financial penalty imposed on a travel agent under clause 108(1)(c), in particular whether a heavier financial penalty would be imposed on repeated offender;
- (d) the person who would be responsible for writing the findings of an inquiry made by the inquiry committee; and
- (e) consider specifying in clause 115 that the legislative intent of such clause was to protect the interests of the customers and service providers of the travel agent whose licence had been revoked or suspended under clause 113.